



GRANT RECIPIENT
LAKE COUNTY PARKS AND
RECREATION DEPARTMENT

YEAR
2008

COUNTY
LAKE

CATEGORY
LAND ACQUISITION

GRANT AWARD
\$30,000

LOCAL SHARE
\$30,000



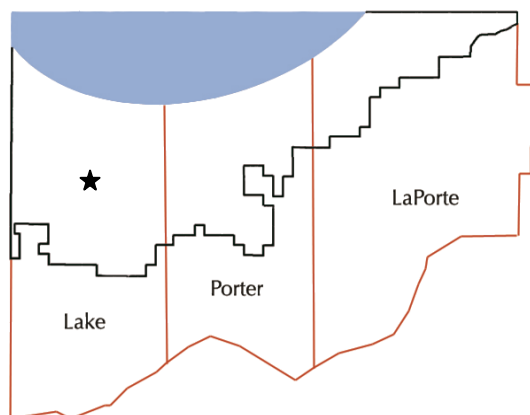
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Appleton Acquisition at Oak Ridge Prairie

The Appleton Acquisition at Oak Ridge Prairie entailed the fee-simple purchase of approximately 5 acres of upland oak savanna and a few small areas of wetlands. Lake County Parks purchased 80 acres from the same family back in 1991. This property is classified as dry-mesic sand forest from a past botanical survey conducted in the mid-1990's by the Natural Land Institute.

This site is a good example of a mix between upland and wetland areas with native plant communities similar to neighboring Oak Ridge Prairie. It is also an ecological corridor for native species passing between habitats north and south.



RESULT: Five acres of upland oak savanna and wetlands acquired at Oak Ridge Prairie.